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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in full support of the recent settlement between the US Department of Justice and Microsoft. The antitrust case has dragged on far too long to date and should be ended as soon as possible. Microsoft is a leading innovator of technology over the last decade. Under British definition a monopoly delivers poor quality products at inflated rates. Microsoft has consistently innovated excellent products and sold them at fair prices. They have also not infringed upon my rights as a consumer. I am free to purchase any software I desire.

The terms of the settlement are not letting Microsoft off easy. They will have to document and disclose for use by competitors its internal interfaces and protocols. They will also be agreeing to not retaliate against computer makers and software developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows' operating system products. These concessions give a huge advantage to competition and violate the principles of free market economics.

At any rate the settlement should be relied since the alternative of further litigation would be too much to bear for Microsoft, the IT sector, and our nation's economy. Please take the next step. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lisa Throneberry